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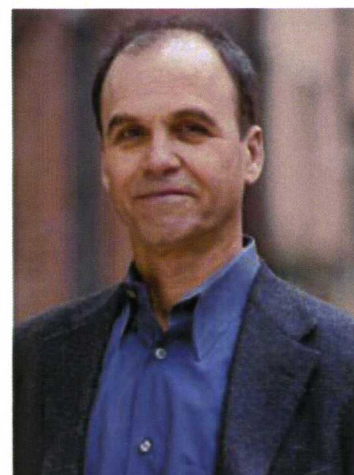
Southern Kentucky BOOK FEST

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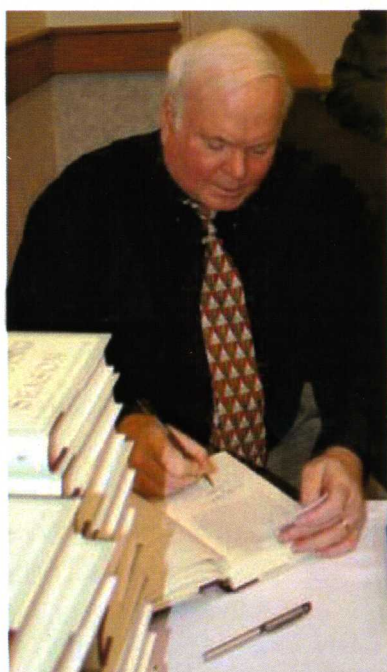


The Southern Kentucky Book Fest partners are pleased to announce that New York Times best-selling author Scott Turow will headline the 2007 Book Fest. A writer and attorney, Mr. Turow is the author of eight best-selling novels. Many of his titles are international bestsellers and have been made into feature films.

Other feature authors for the 2007 Book Fest include Janette Oke, who has sold over 23 million books under more than 75 titles. Her historical novels portray the lives of early North American settlers from many walks of life and in various geographical settings. Movies based on her first novel, *Love Comes Softly*, and two of its sequels have appeared on the Hallmark Channel. Equally acclaimed Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Bragg returns with bestsellers like *All Over but the Shoutin'* and *Ava's Man*. Formerly a reporter with the *New York Times*, Mr. Bragg is now a book author and roving correspondent based in Alabama.



2007 Headlining Author, Scott Turow



Author Pat Conroy signs books at the 2006 Book Fest

Headlining Children's Day on Friday, April 20, 2007, will be Floyd Cooper, author of *Danitra Leaves Town*. Mr. Cooper is a two-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award.

The Southern Kentucky Book Fest was recently named a Top Ten Spring 2007 Event by the Kentucky Tourism Council. The Book Fest will be held at the Sloan Convention Center April 20 & 21, 2007. Admission is free. For more information about authors and activities, contact Jayne.Pelaski@wku.edu or visit www.sokybookfest.org.

**Southern Kentucky
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Top Ten Event by Kentucky
Tourism Council!**



MARCH

March 31 - Silk Painting workshop,
The Kentucky Building
www.wku.edu/library/kylm

US Bank Celebration of the Arts on
display through April 8, The
Kentucky Building [www.wku.edu/
Library/museum/artshow](http://www.wku.edu/Library/museum/artshow).

APRIL

April 5 - Kentucky Live presents
Ginseng Dreams with Kristin
Johannsen, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.

April 12 - Far Away Places presents
Israel with Shannon Schaffer, Barnes
& Noble, 7:00 p.m.

April 19 - WKU Senior Art Exhibition
opens, The Kentucky Building
www.wku.edu/library/kylm

April 20 - Kentucky Writers
Conference, WKU South Campus
www.sokybookfest.org.

April 20 & 21 - Southern Kentucky
Book Fest, Sloan Convention Center
www.sokybookfest.org

MAY

May 25 through June 10 - Precious
*Gems: Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society
Annual Show* [www.wku.edu/library/
kylm](http://www.wku.edu/library/kylm)

AUGUST

August 3 - *Recommended by Duncan
Hines* exhibit opens, The Kentucky
Building [www.wku.edu/library/
kylm](http://www.wku.edu/library/kylm)

August 3&4 - Duncan Hines
Festivities, call 270-745-4502 for more
information

- 3: Duncan Hines Festival, Recipe
Contest, The Kentucky Building
- 3: Duncan Hines 50s Themed
Celebration, The Kentucky
Building
- 4: The Life of Duncan Hines,
breakfast with guest speaker,
Jonathan Jeffrey
- 4: Duncan Hines Festival,
Children's Pageant, 10:00-3:00,
The Kentucky Building
- 4: An Afternoon with Duncan
Hines with Mike Thomas

August 18 - Appraisal Day with Joe
Rosson: "Kitchen Kitsch," The
Kentucky Building [www.wku.edu/
library/kylm](http://www.wku.edu/library/kylm)

KENTUCKY LITERARY AWARDS CELEBRATE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The 5th Annual Kentucky Literary
Awards will be presented on April
20 at the Southern Kentucky Book
Fest's Meet the Authors Reception.
This year 42 books were nominated
in three categories: fiction, non-
fiction, and poetry. Each category
has three judges who evaluate the
books and then award a winner and
a runner up. The winner in each
category receives a handsome
commemorative plaque and a
\$1,000 check.

Entries must be written by
Kentucky authors or have
Kentucky-related themes; many
times a book meets both of these
criterion. This year in fiction we
have novels about: Sue Mundy, the
Civil War Confederate who on
occasion was mistaken for a
woman; Mary Todd Lincoln; and
the Commonwealth's horse racing
industry. Kentucky writers also deal
with far-flung historical figures
such as Marie Antoinette.

The non-fiction entries vary from a
gorgeous coffee table book about
Kentucky's historic landscapes to
the story of an eastern Kentucky
community that is being moved
because of persistent flooding.

For the Kentucky Literary Awards
to continue to flourish we must first
have superlative writing, then
nominations of books for
consideration. Nomination forms
can be found at
www.sokybookfest.org.

FIRST ANNUAL GRADUATING SENIOR EXHIBITION OPENS APRIL 19 AT THE KENTUCKY LIBRARY & MUSEUM

The First Annual Western Kentucky
University Senior Art Exhibition opens on
April 19 at the Kentucky Library &
Museum. Featuring works from over 30
WKU graduating seniors, there will be a
variety of items on display. Including,
paintings, watercolors, works on paper,
fiber arts, ceramics and sculptures. The
exhibit runs through May 11.

This exhibit is made possible by generous
support from The Art Department at WKU,
Provost's Initiatives for Excellence, Potter
College of Arts & Letters, Western Kentucky
University Libraries and WNKY.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES ANNOUNCES MARGIE HELM AWARD WINNERS

The Margie Helm Award is an annual award
presented for outstanding performance in WKU
Libraries. Since 1992 this award has been given
in honor of Margie Helm who served and
directed WKU Libraries for 45 years. Each year
one faculty member, one staff member and one
student worker from University Libraries is
selected to receive the honor. Nominations are
submitted by library personnel. The final
decision is made by Dean of Libraries Mike
Binder and Library Department Heads.

This year's recipients are:

- Dan Forrest, Assistant Professor, Department
of Library Public Services
- Matt Bogard, Libraries Facilities Specialist,
Department of Library Public Services
- Nancy Heathman, Graphic Design Assistant,
WKU Libraries Deans Office

KENTUCKY WRITERS CONFERENCE

The partners of the Southern Kentucky Book Fest and Dollar General are proud to sponsor the Kentucky Writers Conference for the fourth year. This conference features many Kentucky writers and a wide variety of writing genres. Sessions will be held on Friday, April 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The morning sessions will feature journalist Dianne Aprile, poet Jane Gentry, and writers Peggy Webb and Darnell Arnoult. Two presenters have connections to the Iowa Writers' Workshop: memoirist Barbara Robinette Moss has taught at the Iowa Summer Writing Festival and fiction writer Jim Tomlinson won the 2006 Iowa Short Fiction Award.

The afternoon sessions begin at noon with a presentation by a Senior Editor of *Writer's Digest* magazine.

"The conference offers a diverse selection of workshops to writers, including beginners," says Diana McQuady, Co-Chair of the Kentucky Writers Conference. "We've expanded the session lengths this year to allow more time for writers to study with seasoned, published authors."

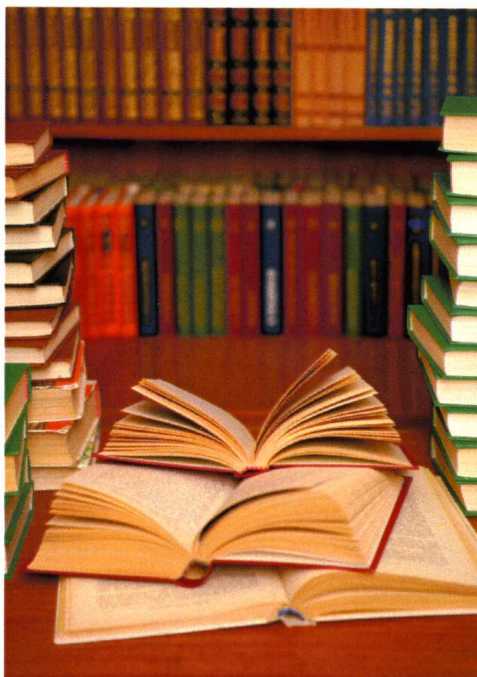
All sessions will take place at Western Kentucky University's South Campus and will be open to high school students, WKU students, and the general public. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, please call 270-745-5016 or visit www.sokybookfest.org.

JAYNE PELASKI, COMMUNITY OUTREACH MANAGER AT WKU LIBRARIES RESIGNS

Jayne Pelaski, Community Outreach Manager at Western Kentucky University Libraries will be leaving WKU effective May 11, 2007. Jayne has been instrumental in the success of the Southern Kentucky Book Fest and its ancillary programs for more than seven years. Her commitment to encouraging reading and the love of books in our region has been passionate and productive with the Book Fest being named one of the top ten festivals and events in the state this past year by the Kentucky Tourism Council.

"I have enjoyed being a part of WKU Libraries, but want the opportunity to spend more time with my family," said Mrs. Pelaski when asked why she had elected to leave her position.



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calendar of events

SEPTEMBER

September 22 – Opening Reception for *Caves: A Fragile Wilderness* and *Slow Time: The Works of Charley, Noah & Hazel Kinney*, The Kentucky Building

September 22 through November 24 - *Caves: A Fragile Wilderness* exhibit, The Kentucky Building www.wku.edu/library/kylm

September 22 through November 17 - *Slow Time: The works of Charley, Noah & Hazel Kinney* exhibit, The Kentucky Building www.wku.edu/library/kylm

September 27 & 28 - Archives Month with William Woys Weaver, The Kentucky Building www.wku.edu/library/kylm

September 29 - Woodworking Workshop with Willie Rascoe, The Kentucky Building www.wku.edu/library/kylm

OCTOBER

October 15 & 16 – 1Read featuring Newbery Honor Award Winner Kirby Larson

NOVEMBER

November 14 through 16 - Fall into Books with Gail Carson Levine, author of *Ella Enchanted* www.sokybookfest.org

DECEMBER

December 1 - Christmas in Kentucky, The Kentucky Building www.wku.edu/library/kylm

This is only a small part of what's happening at University Libraries! See what UL faculty have been doing, learn more about programs, events, current exhibits, read our e-newsletter and visit our Blog at www.wku.edu/Library or call 270-745-4502 for more information.



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- Unlimited Museum admission
- 10% discount in Museum Store
- Invitations to member's only events, workshops, book discussions, exhibit openings and lectures hosted by University Libraries
- University Libraries borrowing privileges
- 25% discount on Kentucky Building room rentals

Bronze Membership (\$100) includes:

- All Basic Membership benefits
- 15% discount in Museum Store
- Invitations to special "Members Only" events
- Discounts on special workshops and select events

Silver Membership (\$250) includes:

- All Bronze Membership benefits
- 20% discount in Museum Store
- 10 one-time use passes for The Kentucky Museum
- Invitation to special sneak-peek and behind the scenes events

Gold Membership (\$500) includes:

- All Silver Membership benefits
- Commemorative bookplate placed on a book in a subject of donor's choice
- Donor's name and book listed on web page with link to book in TOPCAT (Libraries' online catalog)

President's Circle Library Society Member (\$1,000) includes:

- All Gold Membership benefits
- \$500 placed in a collections endowment account
- Name placed on donor wall
- Guest passes for special events
- 50% discount on Kentucky Building room rentals

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Mission

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